



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 634

January Session, 2005

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AN ACT CONCERNING DAMAGE BY ROAMING LIVESTOCK.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 52-561a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (a) Any owner or keeper of domestic fowls, including, but not
4 limited to, ostrich and emu, and any owner or keeper of livestock,
5 including, but not limited to, cervids, camelids, bison, buffalo, cattle,
6 equine, asses, mules, sheep, swine and goats, who allows [them] such
7 fowls or livestock to trespass upon the premises of another person
8 shall be liable to the owner or occupant of such premises for all
9 damage done by such fowls or livestock.

10 (b) An owner or keeper of domestic fowls or livestock shall not be
11 liable for the cost of repairing damage done by such fowls or livestock
12 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section when the fence or barrier
13 used to enclose such fowls or livestock is determined by the
14 Commissioner of Agriculture or the commissioner's designee to be
15 sufficient to control such fowls or livestock and has either (1) been
16 damaged by natural acts not under the control of the owner or keeper,
17 or (2) been damaged by criminal or other malicious acts, including, but
18 not limited to, vandalism, trespass, or other intentional acts not under
19 the control of the owner or keeper.

20 (c) A municipal animal control officer may impound roaming
21 domestic fowls or livestock and may recover reasonable costs from the
22 owner or keeper associated with the feeding and care of such fowls
23 and livestock. At the request of the municipal animal control officer,
24 the Commissioner of Agriculture or the commissioner's designee shall
25 provide assistance to the officer regarding the impoundment, feeding
26 and care of such fowls or livestock. Municipal animal control officers
27 impounding fowls or livestock pursuant to this section shall make a
28 reasonable effort to notify the owner or keeper of such fowls or
29 livestock regarding the impoundment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	52-561a
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

To revise language in subsections (b) and (c) to conform with language in subsection (a).

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